



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1037

LCO No. 3478

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING UNREASONABLE DELAYS OF WORKERS'
COMPENSATION HEARINGS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 31-288 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (b) Whenever (1) through the fault or neglect of an employer or
5 insurer, the adjustment or payment of compensation due under this
6 chapter is unduly delayed, or (2) either party to a claim under this
7 chapter has unreasonably, and without good cause, delayed the
8 completion of the hearings on such claim, the delaying party or parties
9 may be assessed a civil penalty of not more than five [hundred]
10 thousand dollars by the commissioner hearing the claim for each such
11 case of delay. Any appeal of a penalty assessed pursuant to this
12 subsection shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of section
13 31-301.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	31-288(b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the fine for unreasonably delaying a workers' compensation hearing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]